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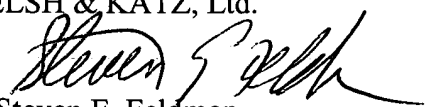
Re: U.S. Patent Application 09/935,264 Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment or in the Alternative to Revive Patent Application

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Per our phone conversation this afternoon, enclosed is a copy of the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment, which we filed on December 31, 2003. I would appreciate any help that you could provide in getting this Petition acted on in an expeditious manner so that we continue with prosecution of the above-captioned patent application. Thank you again for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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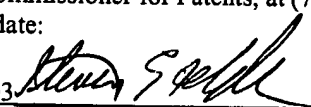
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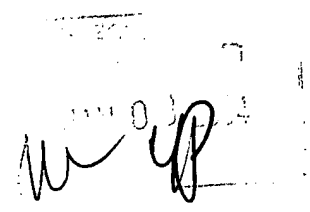
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed December 17, 2003. The Notice of Abandonment issued, as alleged, due to Applicant's failure to respond to an Notice of Missing Parts mailed on October 10, 2001. A copy of the Notice of Abandonment is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Applicant requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn because a Response to the Notice of Missing Parts was in fact filed, on December 3, 2001. A copy of the entirety of the Response, which includes a Certificate of Express Mailing, Express Mailing Receipt and Post Card stamped received by the USPTO, is included as Exhibit B.

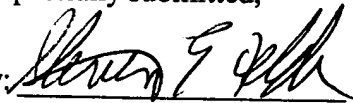
Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the present Petition. If however, there is a fee due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payment or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account 23-0920.



Should any outstanding issues or questions remain, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted.

Respectfully submitted,

By:



Steven E. Feldman

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Dated: December 31, 2003

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